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The Honorable Chuck Martin  
State Representative  
State Capitol, Room 417-A  
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SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification  
House Bill (LC 43 1377)

Dear Representative Martin:

This bill would amend provisions relating to the Teachers Retirement System. Specifically, this bill would require the System to receive an actuarial investigation into the mortality, service, and compensation experience of members and beneficiaries at least once every three years. Currently, such investigation must be conducted at least once in every five-year period. Additionally, this bill would establish certain requirements that will impact the valuation of assets and liabilities of the System. Specifically, this bill would require the Teachers Retirement System to:

- Set six percent as the maximum annual rate of return;
- Employ a three-year direct interest rate smoothing for the purposes of determining employer contributions;
- Pay the unfunded actuarial accrued liability in existence on July 1, 2019 by July 1, 2037; and
- Amortize any unfunded actuarial accrued liability that accrues after July 1, 2020 at a rate not to exceed 15 years.

This is to certify that this bill is a fiscal retirement bill as defined in the Public Retirement Systems Standards Law.

Respectfully,

/s/ Greg S. Griffin

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